

Waddell School Governance Council

Date: June 1, 2015

Time: 6:30pm **Location:** Library

Members Present:

Parents:

Jessica Carter
Tracy Maio
Autumn Struk
Nicole Farnham
Melanie Stefanovicz
Allison Peek
Community Members:
Jerry Bidwell
Kurt Stefanovicz

Principal:

Mike Moynihan

Teachers:

Nancy Casey – 2nd grade
Kim Leining – 5th grade
Janice Medynski – 1st grade
Karen Taylor – Numeracy Coach
Renee Bryan – Family Resource
Terry Dougherty – 2nd grade

Members Absent:

Joyce Rivera – parent

Approval of Previous Minutes

- May 15 mtg minutes: Jerry motioned, Tracy seconded
- May 7 training minutes:

Meeting Materials & Handouts:

- DRAFT: SBC Bylaws
- Illing Middle School's Compact
- Mayberry Elementary School's Compact
- Getting started: Setting Goals & Priorities

Meeting Minutes:

- **Principal Search Update:**
 - Principal Interviews - SGC representatives: Tracy, Melanie, Janice, Nancy
 - Tracy asked over the weekend for an update – Geary is looking at the 2nd week in June for interviews to take place
 - Hiring principals for: Waddell, Washington, Highland Park
- **School Compact:**
 - Our current version has been put up on the SGC website
 - The Mayberry and Illing versions were passed around. The council liked the aesthetics of the Illing Compact. **Melanie to revise the look of the Waddell Compact to match the Illing Compact.**
 - Bob Rader mentioned that Judy Carson had "best practices" for implementing a new Compact. **Autumn to reach out to Judy to obtain these.** We will see if it's anything different than what we are doing.

- **Bylaws:**
 - Kim Leining is added to the Council as the fifth teacher.
 - Nicole Farnham is added as the seventh parent.
 - Bylaws were approved with edits: Tracy motioned, Autumn seconded.
- **Principal's Report:**
 - This fall it is expected to have:
 - 4 Kindergarten classrooms
 - 4 1st Grade classrooms (Serer is moving to 1st grade)
 - The additional Kindergarten classroom will mean a shuffling of the classrooms. Ms. Craib's current classroom will most likely become a 4th grade classroom.
 - Art will be on the cart - will be held in the teacher's classrooms.
 - The new Science educator will be on a cart as well.
 - Per the Superintendent, there will be a kindergarten "meet & greet" at each school prior to the start of school.
 - Currently interviewing candidates for 2nd & 4th grade positions
 - Most classes are formed for next year
 - There is not additional power available for more air conditioners. Waddell is no longer slated for an electrical upgrade. This will happen during the rebuild.
- **Setting Goals & Priorities:**
 - Brainstorming session:
 - **Homework Support:**
 - 21st Century will not be here next year.
 - **Parent/Community involvement & support during school hours:**
 - 1-1 help with students to read to them, talk about book, etc. Play math fluency games with students.
 - Similar to what the Jewish Literacy Coalition has done
 - Janice talked about how she could use volunteers to do "book in a bag"
 - In September do a big push for parents to sign up to help with jobs in the classroom
 - 2:45-3:15 make copies
 - Room mothers
 - **What are the "Best Practices" for closing the achievement gap?**
 - Jerry to reach out to Bob Rader to obtain these
 - Shoot to slate a training for this topic for the November meeting
 - **Does Waddell have a "sister school" who has used a Governance Council effectively?** Who has closed the achievement gap? Autumn to reach out to Judy Carson to ask which schools we should look at with similar demographics.

Adjourned 8:10pm

Next Year's Meetings:

- Thurs, 9/3 6:30pm
- Thurs, 10/1 6:30pm
- Thurs, 11/5 6:30pm
- No December mtg
- Thurs, 1/7 6:30pm

- Thurs, 2/4 6:30pm
- Thurs, 3/3 6:30pm
- *No April Mtg*
- Thurs, 5/5 6:30pm
- *June: to be determined if needed*